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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION AMB. ENDERS' SPEECH APRIL 29 TO EMPIRE CLUB OF
CANADA, TORONTO

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1. MEDIA REACTION TO AMBASSADOR ENDERS' SPEECH TO EMPIRE CLUB OF
TORONTO HAS BEEN LIMITED BUT FAVORABLE. THERE HAS BEEN NO
ADVERSE COMMENT ON TONE OF SPEECH. THE TORONTO STAR, LARGEST
CIRCULATION IN CANADA, CARRIED FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF SPEECH BUT NO
COMMENT. THE TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL "REPORT ON BUSINESS" SECTION,
THE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE IN CANADA FOR ECONOMIC NEWS, DEVOTED
ENTIRE COLUMN TO SPEECH.

2. RONALD ANDERSON, THE ROB EDITOR, SAID IN PART : THE AMBASSADOR'S
STATEMENTS "ARE A REFRESHING CHANGE FROM THE VACUOUS HANDS-
ACROSS-THE-BORDER PLATITUDES OR.. THE THINLY VEILED THREATS THAT
HAVE TENDED TO CHARACTERIZE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
THEY ARE BLUNT WITHOUT BEING OFFENSIVE, THOUGHTFUL BUT NOT
PRETENTIOUSLY PHILOSOPHICAL AND AS HONEST AND WELL-
BALANCED AS CAN BE EXPECTED FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF ANOTHER COUNTRY WHOSE INTERESTS DO NOT ALWAYS
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COINCIDE WITH THOSE OF CANADA." ANDERSON THEN WENT ON

TO RECOUNT VIRTUALLY ALL SUBSTANTIVE POINTS CONTAINED
IN THE SPEECH.

3. CBC RADIO MORNING AND EVENING NEWS REPORTED ON
SPEECH IN MATTER-OF-FACT MANNER WITH NO ADDITIONAL
COMMENT.

4. MORE DETAILED MEDIA REACTION FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.
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